

# The Second Sunday of Easter

## “Now the Feast and Celebration”

April 7, 2024 ◇ 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

(Following Readings from Easter 2 Series B)

### WELCOME

### OPENING HYMN “Christ Is Arisen, Alleluia”

**LSB #466**



1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.  
2 For three long days the grave did its worst  
3 The an - gel said to them, “Do not fear!  
4 “Go spread the news: He’s not in the grave;  
5 Christ has a - ris - en; He sets us free;



Re - joice and praise Him, al - le - lu - ia.  
Un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.  
You look for Je - sus who is not here.  
He has a - ris - en this world to save.  
Al - le - lu - ia, to Him prais - es be.



For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb,  
He who gives life did death un - der - go;  
See for your - selves the tomb is all bare;  
Je - sus’ re - deem - ing la - bors are done;  
Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;



E - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.  
And in its con - quest His might did show.  
On - ly the grave cloths are ly - ing there.”  
E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won.”  
He reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

#### *Refrain*



Let us sing praise to Him with end - less joy;



Death’s fear - ful sting He has come to de - stroy.

Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

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## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**Pastor:** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*1 John 1:8-9*

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

**Pastor:** Most merciful God,  
**People:** **Have mercy on us.**

**All:** **We confess to you that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.**

**Pastor:** With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

**Pastor:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*2 Corinthians 13:14*

**People:** **And also with you.**

## KYRIE

**Cantor:** In peace, in peace,

*Cantor:* *Congregation:*

2 Let us pray — to the Lord, have mer - cy,



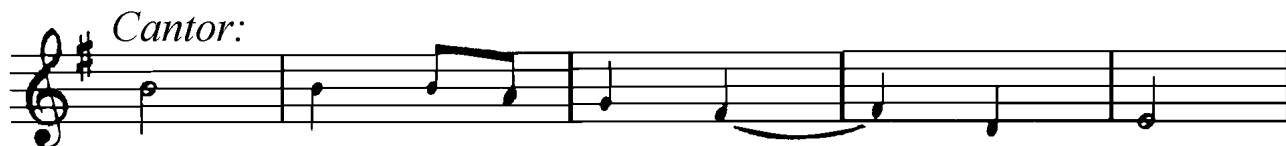
Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have



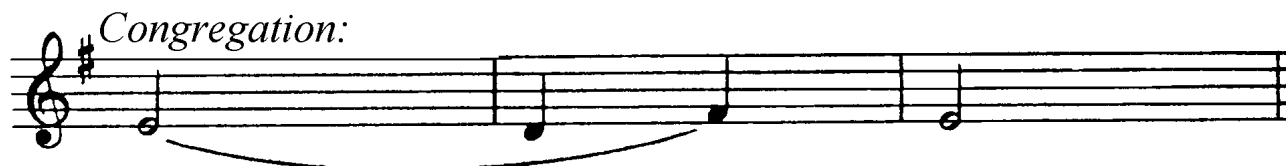
mer - cy.

Cantor: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all... *(Refrain)*

Cantor: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word... *(Refrain)*



Help, save and de - fend us, O God.

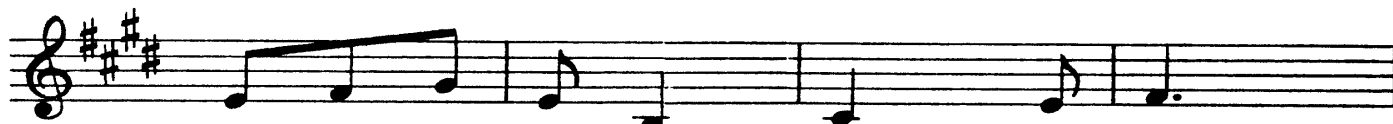


A - - - men.

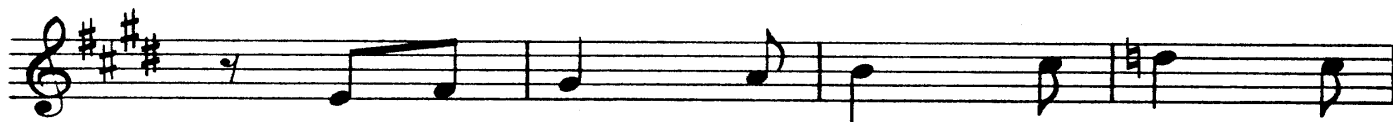
### NOW THE FEAST



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,



all of cre - a - tion sings for joy



to the God of life and love and



free - dom: praise and glo - ry for - ev -

er - more!

*Cantor:*

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once

slain, whose blood has freed and u -

nit - ed us to be one great

peo - ple of God. *to Refrain*

*Cantor*

2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and

might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ

*to Refrain*

for - ev - er.

*Cantor*

3. For God has come to dwell with us,

to make us peo - ple of God; to make



**SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**



Pastor: Let us pray,  
 People: **Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

**FIRST READING** Acts 4:32-35

<sup>32</sup>Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. <sup>33</sup>And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup>There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold <sup>35</sup>and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

**SECOND READING** 1 John 1:1-2:2

<sup>1</sup>That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— <sup>2</sup>the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— <sup>3</sup>that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

<sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup>But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son

cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

<sup>1</sup>My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. <sup>2</sup>He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
 People: **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL VERSE**

*Congregation:*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord to whom shall we  
 go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
 life: Al - le - lu - ia!

**GOSPEL** John 20:19-31

Pastor: The Gospel according to John, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
 People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup>On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." <sup>22</sup>And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

<sup>24</sup>Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

<sup>26</sup>Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup>but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
 People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**CHILDRENS' MESSAGE**

**SONG OF THE DAY** “Come People of the Risen King” by Keith & Kristyn Getty

1 Come peo - ple of the Ris - en King, who de -  
 (2. Come) those whose joy is morn - ing sun, and those  
 (3. Come) young and old from ev - 'ry land, men and

light to bring Him praise; Come all, and tune your  
 weep - ing through the night; Come those who tell of  
 wom - en of the faith; Come those with full or

hearts to sing to the Morn - ing Star of grace. From the  
 bat - tles won, and those strug - gling in the fight. For His  
 emp - ty hands— find the rich - es of His grace. O - ver

shift - ing shad - ows of the earth, we will lift our eyes to  
per - fect love will nev - er change, and His mer - cies nev - er  
all the world, His peo - ple sing— shore to shore we hear them

Him, cease, call where but the stead - y arms of fol - low us through in mer - cy reach, to  
all our days, with the ev - 'ry age, "Our

gath - er cer - tain God chil - dren of hope all in in. peace. all."

joyce, re - joyce! Let ev - 'ry tongue re - joyce! One

heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, re -

joyce! 2 Come  
3 Come

Church of Christ re - joyce!

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**SERMON "Forgiving Touch"**  
Text: 1 John 1:1-10



## NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God, begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;  
who for us people and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures

and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

## OFFERING

## PRAYERS

### † THE EUCHARIST †

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

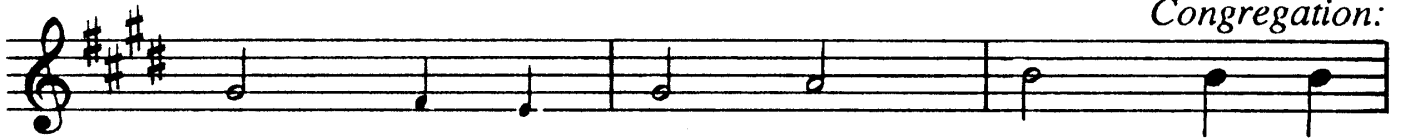
The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is divided into two sections: 'Cantor:' and 'Congregation:'. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And also with you.' The second staff is also divided into 'Cantor:' and 'Congregation:'. The lyrics are: 'Lift up your hearts. We'.

*Cantor:*



lift them to the Lord. Let us give

*Congregation:*



thanks to the Lord our God. It is



right to give God thanks and praise.

Leader: It is our duty and delight to give You thanks and praise at all times and in all places, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

*Congregation:*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and



might;— Heav - en and earth are filled with your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the



One who comes in your name.— Ho - san - na in the



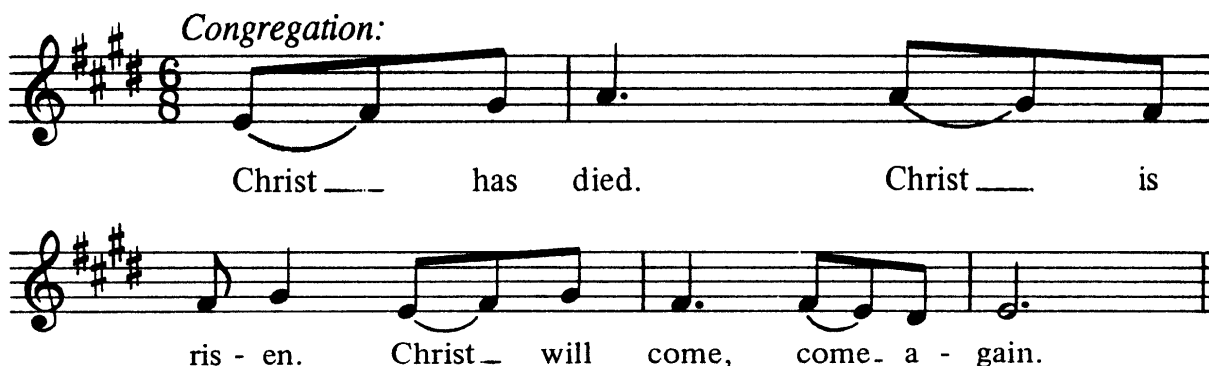
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

# EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION 1

Presider: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come, come again.

*Congregation:*

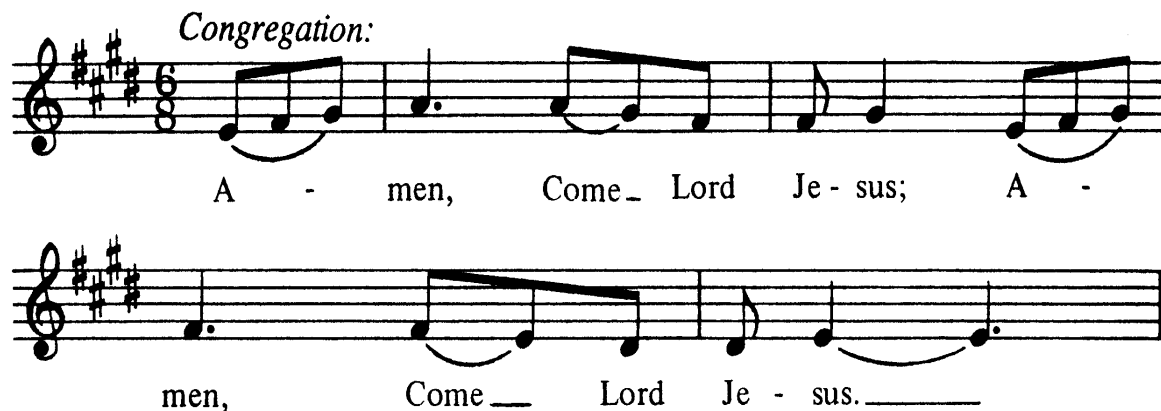


Christ \_\_\_ has died. Christ \_\_\_ is  
ris - en. Christ \_ will come, come - a - gain.

## EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION 2

Presider: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

*Congregation:*

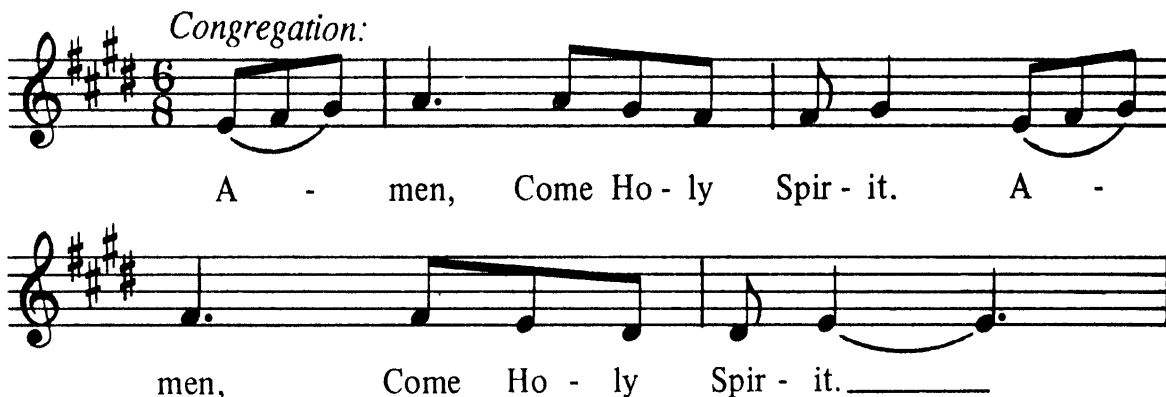


A - men, Come \_ Lord Je - sus; A -  
men, Come \_ Lord Je - sus. \_\_\_\_\_

## EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION 3

Presider: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit

*Congregation:*



A - men, Come Ho - ly Spir - it. A -  
men, Come Ho - ly Spir - it. \_\_\_\_\_



*Final time: Cong. or assistant:*

mer- cy on us. Lamb of God, you

*Congregation:*

take a - way the sin of the world: grant us peace,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

**Additional invocations:**

2. you break the chains of hatred and fear:
3. you are the way of justice and peace:
4. you are the way of mercy and love:

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

“As the Grains of Wheat”

*Refrain:*  
*Congregation:*

As the grains of wheat once scat- tered on the hill were

gath - ered in - to one to be - come our bread;

so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be



gath - ered in - to one in you.



1. As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst, —  
2. Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when



may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

“My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness” by Keith Getty & Stuart Townend



1 My\_\_\_ heart is filled with thank - ful - ness to Him who\_\_\_ bore my pain; Who\_\_\_  
2 My\_\_\_ heart is filled with thank - ful - ness to Him who\_\_\_ walks be - side; Who\_\_\_  
3 My\_\_\_ heart is filled with thank - ful - ness to Him who\_\_\_ reigns a - bove; Whose\_\_\_



plumbed the depths of my dis - grace and gave me\_\_\_ life a - gain; Who\_\_\_  
floods my weak - ness - es with strength and caus - es\_\_\_ fears to fly. Whose\_\_\_  
wis - dom is my per - fect peace, whose ev - 'ry\_\_\_ thought is love. For\_\_\_



crushed my curse of sin - ful - ness and clothed me\_\_\_ with His light\_\_\_ and\_\_\_  
ev - 'ry prom - ise is e - nough for ev - 'ry\_\_\_ step I take.\_\_\_ Sus -  
ev - 'ry day I have on earth is giv - en\_\_\_ by the King.\_\_\_ So\_\_\_



wrote His law of right - eous - ness with pow'r up - on my heart.  
 tain - ing me with arms of love and crown - ing me with grace.  
 I will give my life, my all, to love and fol - low Him.

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“Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise”

**LSB #680**



1 Thine the a - men Thine the praise Al - le -  
 2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly Thine the



lu - ias an - gels raise Thine the ev - er - last - ing head  
 prom - ise let there be Thine the vi - sion Thine the tree



Thine the break - ing of the bread Thine the glo - ry Thine the  
 All the earth on bend - ed knee Gone the nail - ing gone the



sto - ry Thine the har - vest then the cup Thine the  
 rail - ing Gone the plead - ing gone the cry Gone the



vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.  
 sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.

3. Thine the truly Thine the yes Thine the table we the guest  
 Thine the mercy all from Thee Thine the glory yet to be  
 Then the ringing and the singing Then the end of all the war  
 Thine the living Thine the loving evermore evermore.
4. Thine the kingdom Thine the prize Thine the wonder full surprise  
 Thine the banquet then the praise Then the justice of Thy ways  
 Thine the glory Thine the story Then the welcome to the least  
 Then the wonder all increasing at Thy feast at Thy feast.

5. Thine the glory in the night No more dying only light  
 Thine the river Thine the tree Then the Lamb eternally  
 Then the holy holy holy Celebration jubilee  
 Thine the splendor Thine the brightness only Thee only Thee.

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor: May God bless us and keep us.  
 May God's face shine on us and be gracious.  
 May God look on us with favor and ✠ give us peace.

*Congregation:*



Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
 People: Thanks be to God.

**SENDING HYMN "Thanks Be to You"**

*Congregation:*



1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy,  
 2. From of old you loved and sought us,



Thanks be to you for - ev - er! Rais - ing high the  
 Thanks be to you for - ev - er! Truth and jus - tice



weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
 you have taught us: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!



Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.



3. Praise to you, O God of mer-cy, Thanks be to you for -  
ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:  
Thanks be to you for - ev - er, Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

**THANK YOU** to all who assisted with our worship this morning.

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